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ESTABLISHMENT EXPENDITURE OF AGRICULTURAL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of effecting a cut in the establishment expenditure of agricultural universities is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, whether the vacant posts are likely to be abolished;

(c) whether a number of departments in the Universities are likely to be merged;

(d) whether the land belonging to the universities is likely to be given to the farmers on lease;

(e) if so, whether the grants to the agricultural universities is to be stopped so as to give them financial autonomy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir. Agricultural Universities are not under the control of Central Government except one Central Agricultural University at Imphal where there is no such proposal.

(b) to (d) : Agricultural education is a state subject, creation or abolishment of posts, merging or reorientation of departments, utilization of land for revenue generation etc. are the prerogative of the university Governance or State Government policies.

(e) & (f): No, Sir. Central grant-in-aid to the universities is provided to cater to the specific needs of educational programmes and students welfare and no way related to financial autonomy.